

**Hershkowitz Affidavit**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CONGREGATION RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF  
TARTIKOV, INC., RABBI MORDECHAI BABAD, RABBI  
WOLF BRIEF, RABBI HERMEN KAHANA, RABBI MEIR  
MARGULIS, RABBI GERGELY NEUMAN, RABBI  
MEILECH MENCZER, RABBI JACOB HERSHKOWITZ,  
RABBICHAIM ROSENBERG, RABBI DAVID A. MENCZER,  
RABBI ARYEH ROYDE, and KOLEL BELZ OF MONSEY,

**07 Civ. 6304 (KMK)(GAY)**

**AFFIDAVIT IN  
OPPOSITION TO  
DEFENDANTS'  
MOTION TO DISMISS**

Plaintiffs,

-against-

VILLAGE OF POMONA, NY; BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF POMONA, NY; NICHOLAS SANDERSON,  
AS MAYOR; IAN BANKS, ALMA SANDERS ROMAN,  
RITA LOUIE and BRETT YAGEL, AS TRUSTEES  
AND IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES,

Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
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COUNTY OF ROCKLAND )

Jacob Hershkowitz affirms the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a plaintiff in this action. I reside in Spring Valley, New York, with my wife and child, and am 21 years old.
2. I am currently engaged in rabbinical studies at Congregation Kolel Belz of Monsey, New York, and am a member of the Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov.
3. My goal is to become a rabbinical judge fully trained in all four books of the *Shulchan Aruch*.
4. I have been approved for admission by the Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov ("Rabbinical College"). I will be admitted into the

first class when the College opens its campus in Pomona. If the Rabbinical College does not open, there is no place for me to receive this training.

5. Rabbi Mordechai Babad will provide a rare opportunity to learn with the guidance of vision of an experienced rabbinical judge and allow me to learn in the proper environment.

6. The Rabbinical College's program also includes the long-term financial support needed to create the Torah community of scholars and their families, including a stipend and housing. This program will allow me to live at the property so that I can study at various times of the day and night and interact with other rabbinical students on a continuous basis.

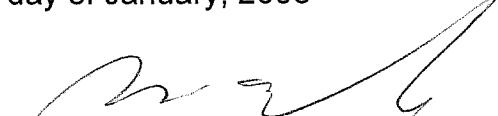
7. Without this opportunity from the Rabbinical College along with the Torah community of families and long-term financial support and housing, I cannot accomplish my religious goal.

8. There are currently no other programs that I know of that are available for me to become a rabbinical judge.

9. I affirm this affidavit pursuant to my religious beliefs.

  
RABBI JACOB HERSHKOWITZ

Affirmed before me on the 10  
day of January, 2008

  
Notary Public

MOSHE E. MALIK  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 4961978  
Qualified in Rockland County  
Commission Expires Feb. 12, 20 10